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I think we should meet to discuss this. Brad Cross has indicated in a voice mail that such monitoring is not in the budget for El Paso.

Beyond that, what, if anything, can EPA offer in terms of any needed exemption in the future?

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The FIRST STEP in protecting your ground water is to have your well tested.

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Date: 04/13/2012 11:20 AM
Subject: RE: EPWU E-mail

Hi Brad,

We did meet on Wednesday and I summarized the project and the evolution of the modeling, including the reduction in discharge volume to the wells nearest the New Mexico border, to my program manager and our bureau chief. The conclusion reached is that NMED supports the aquifer exemption provided some means of monitoring, adequate to verify/validate the model output, is provided, and if the plume does move into New Mexico there is provision to apply for an aquifer exemption (Aquifer Designation, 20.6.2.5103 NMAC). These provisions are based on NMED's need to be consistent in approach among other aquifer designation requests in the state and our state UIC regulations which require aquifer designations for Class I wells injecting into aquifers between 5,000 and 10,000 mg/l.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Brad Cross [mailto:BCross@lbg-guyton.com]

Sent: Friday, April 06, 2012 9:29 AM
To: Hall, John, NMENV
Subject: RE: EPWU E-mail

Thanks John, that will be fine! I greatly appreciate all of your help. Have a great Easter my friend! Brad

From: Hall, John, NMENV [<mailto:john.hall@state.nm.us>]
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2012 10:13 AM
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Subject: RE: EPWU E-mail

Brad,

I don't know if this will be soon enough, but I have scheduled a meeting with our Bureau Chief on April 11th to discuss the exemption with him. That is the earliest I will be able to see him as he is down in Albuquerque working on a copper rule. I will send you an email response as soon as we meet.

Thanks,

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From: Brad Cross [<mailto:BCross@lbg-guyton.com>]
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Good Morning John,

Hope this finds you doing well. John, I wanted to touch base and see how things are progressing on an e-mail to us from NMED stating that based on all available information and no plume migration into New Mexico, NMED does not have any issues with the aquifer exemption.

I received an e-mail from Ray Leissner (EPA) yesterday asking if we had received an e-mail from NMED yet. EPA's review deadline is coming up -- the EPA "review clock" ends on April 12. Is there any way possible we could get something from you guys either today or tomorrow?

Thanks so very much John! We sincerely appreciate all of your help!!

Brad

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